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SUBJECT: CUSTOMS PROBLEMS OF US WHISKY

REF: MADRID 1609

1. OFFICIAL STATE BULLETIN OF APRIL 21 PUBLISHED ORDER RE IMPORTATION OF WHISKIES NOT COVERED BY DECREE 644, MARCH 29, 1973. ORDER IS DATED APRIL 20 AND WAS ISSUED BY MINISTRY OF PRESIDENCY AT PROPOSAL OF MINISTRIES OF INTERIOR, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, AND FOLLOWING REPORT OF INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMISSION FOR FOOD PRODUCTS REGULATIONS.

2. THE ORDER PROVIDES FOR A ONE YEAR TRANSITORY PERIOD FOR THE IMPORTATION OF PRODUCTS THAT UNDER THE GENERIC DENOMINATION OF "WHISKY" DO NOT FALL WITHIN THE CHARACTERISTICS ESTABLISHED BY DECREE 644. ARTICLE 2 OF THE ORDER PROVIDES FOR THE MEETING FOR SANITARY REASONS OF THE CHARACTERISTICS MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPHS 4 AND 5 OF ARTICLE 9 OF DECREE 644. ALCOHOLIC GRADUATION WILL BE AT LEAST 40 CENTESIMAL DEGREES BY VOLUME UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 58 DEGREES; MAXIMUM FULFURAL CONTENTS WILL BE 10 MILLIGRAMS PER ONE HUNDRE CENTIMETERS OF ABSOLUTE ALCHOL; SUPERIOR ALCHOLS WILL BE INCLUDED BETWEEN 50 AND 750 MILLIGRAMS PER ONE HUNDRED CUBIC CENTIMETERS OF ABSOLUTE ALCOHOL; METHANOL CONTENTS WILL NOT EXCEED THIRTY MILLIGRAMS PER ONE HUNDRED CUBIC CENTIMETERS OF ABSOLUTE ALCOHOL. NO LIMITATIONS WILL BE REQUIRED DURING TRANSITORY PERIOD FOR ACIDS, ESTERS AND ADEHIDES.

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3. ARTICLE 3 OF THE ORDER PROVIDES THAT IMPORTERS WILL SUBMIT TO MINISTRY OF COMMERCE PERTINENT INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PRODUCT TO BE IMPORTED SO THAT CORRESPONDING ANALYTICAL TESTS MAY BE CARRIED OUT.

4. PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE TRANSITION PERIOD, THE MINISTRIES OF INTERIOR, INDUSTRY, AND COMMERCE, AFTER OBTAINING A

REPORT FROM THE INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMISSION FOR FOOD PRODUCTS REGULATIONS, WILL SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR ITS APPROVAL, THE CONDITIONS REQUIRED WITH RESPECT TO THE CHARACTERISTICS FOR THESE TYPES OF WHISKY, WHICH ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE SPECIAL REGULATION FOR THE PRODUCTION, TRANSPORTATION AND TRADE OF WHISKY, APPROVED BY DECREE 644.

5. COPY OF ORDER WITH INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION BEING AIR POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT.

6. NICOLAS CASTEJON, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE FEDERATION OF IMPORTERS OF FOREIGN BEVERAGES, EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE THAT THIS ORDER NOW ELIMINATES THE PROBLEM THAT U.S. WHISKY COULDN'T MEET THE ANALYSIS REQUIREMENTS SET UP BY DECREE 644. THIS ORDER SHOULD FACILITATE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE FOR US WHISKY IMPORTS. EATON

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